



A steward is a person who utilizes and manages all of the resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.

A steward will often determine whether the master's business will succeed/prosper.

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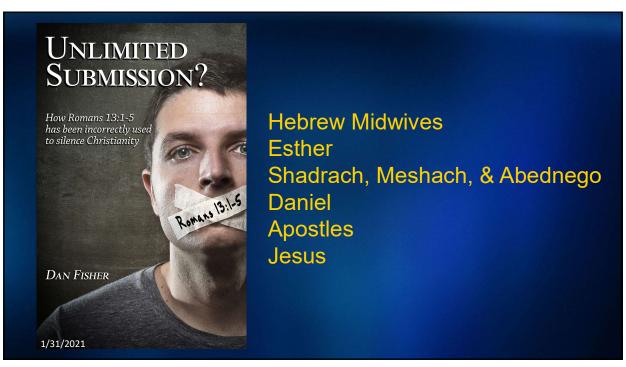
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## You and I are a stewards

- Ourselves
- Our families
- Our faith
- Our church
- Our community
- Our country (liberty & justice)

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If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Rom 12:18

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. Rom 14:19

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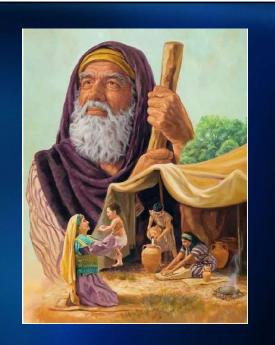
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Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle  $-\ ^2$  My lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me. Ps 144:1-2

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name. Ex 15:3

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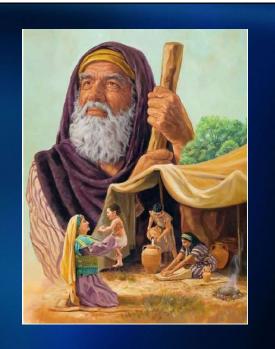
Gen 14:14-15 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.



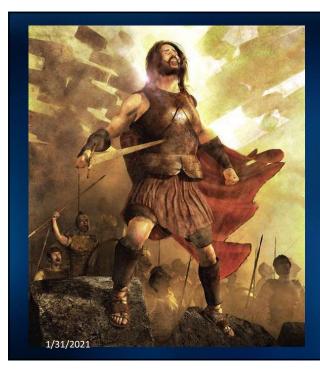
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Gen14:18-20 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."



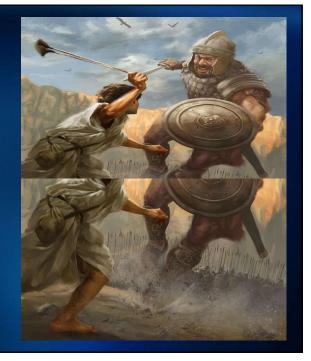
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Joshua fighting the Amalekites - Ex 17:8-13

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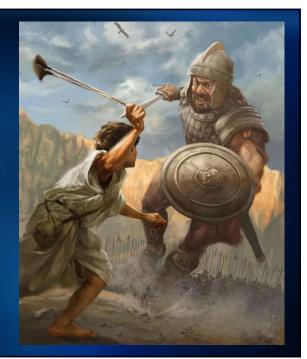
1 Sam 17:45-47 "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head.



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And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."



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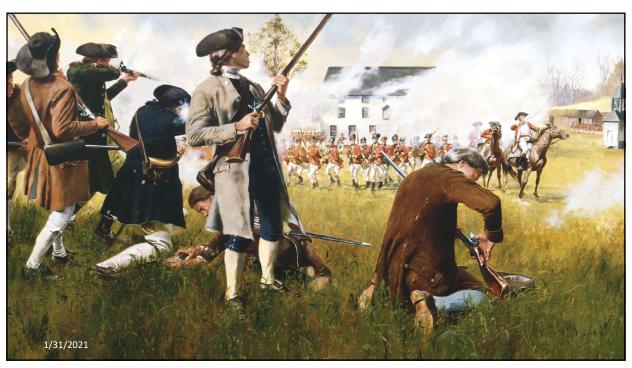


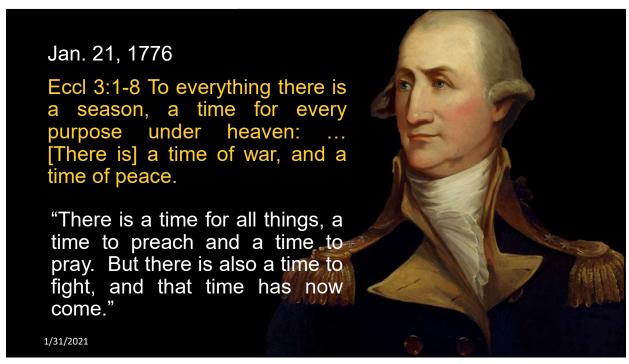
2 Sam 5:23 And when David inquired of the Lord, he said, "You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees.

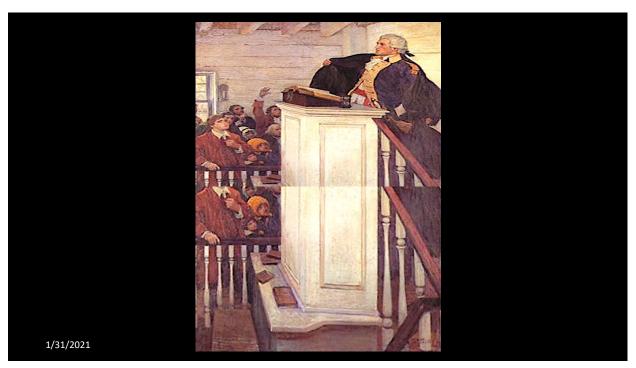
The Maccabean Revolt, lasting from 167 to 160 BC. They recaptured Jerusalem in 164 and the subsequent cleansing of the temple and rededication of the Altar was celebrated in following years as the Hanukkah festival.

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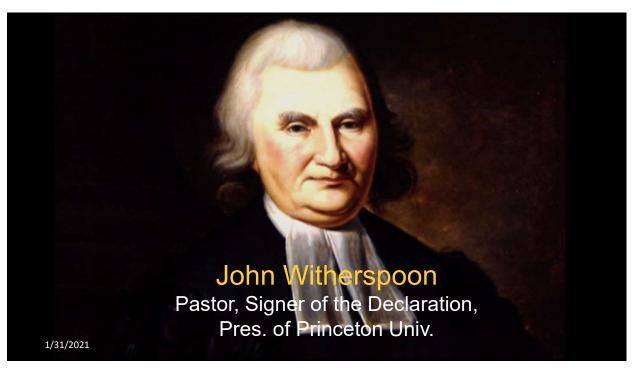
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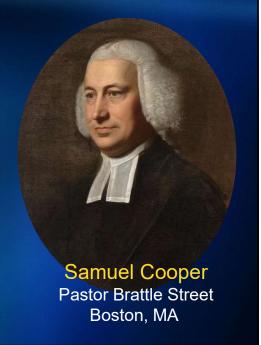






## 1780 sermon:

"Peace, peace, we ardently wish; but terms dishonorable not upon dangerous ourselves. or to our liberties; and our enemies seem not yet prepared to allow it upon any other. At present the voice of providence, the call of our still invaded country, and the cry of everything dear to us, all unite to rouse us to prosecute the war with redoubled vigor; upon the success of which all our free constitutions, all our hopes depend."

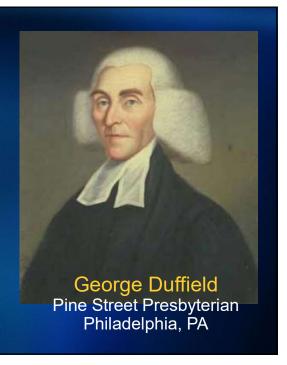


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## December 11, 1784 sermon:

"Hard alternative! to resign liberty or wage this hazardous war. And yet none other remained. ... But Liberty was the prize. She chose "Freedom or Death" as her motto: and nobly resolved on war with all its horrors; that at least, her last expiring groan might breathe forth freedom."



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"War was not our object or wish: on the contrary, we deprecated it as a dreadful calamity, and continued to hope, even against hope, that the gentler methods of petitioning and remonstrating might obtain a redress of grievances. The war, on our part, was not a war of ambition, but a justifiable self-defense against the claims of an arbitrary power, which was attempting to wrest from us the privileges we had all along enjoyed, and to subject us to a state of abject servitude. ... It was after we had been treated with repeated insults and injuries – after our dutiful petitions had been rejected with contempt –

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after the British administration had held up the high claim of authority to make laws, binding us in all cases whatsoever; the plain language of which was, we have authority and power to do with you as we please; and if you will not quietly submit, and deliver up your earnings to support us in our luxury and extravagance, and be hewers of wood and drawers of water for us, we will lay waste your country with fire and sword, and destroy you from under heaven—it was after the sword had been drawn, and blood shed on the plains of Lexington, and on the fatal Bunker-hill, so that no alternative remained, but either absolute submission or open resistance — 1/31/2021

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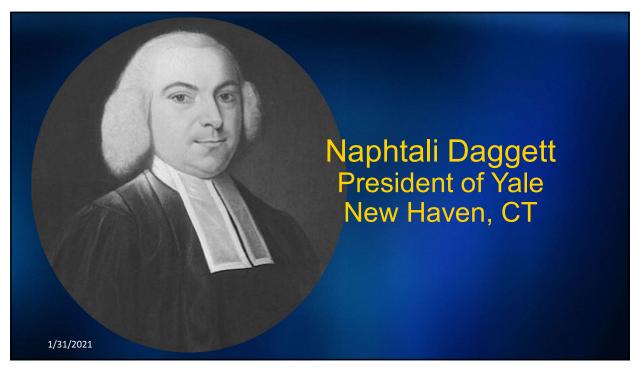
it was, I say, after all this, that the representatives of the people in Congress chose the latter, declared for independence, and relying on the justice of their cause, and the aid of the Almighty, resolved to support it by force of arms.

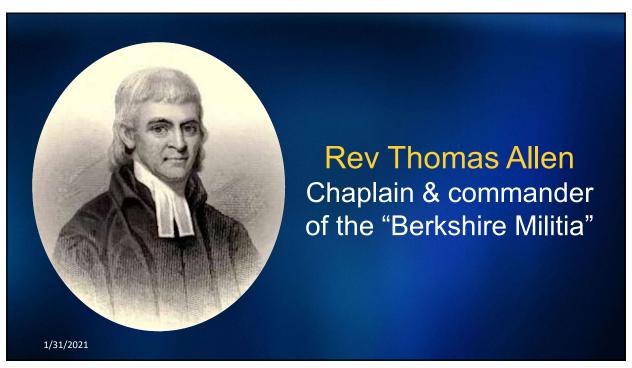


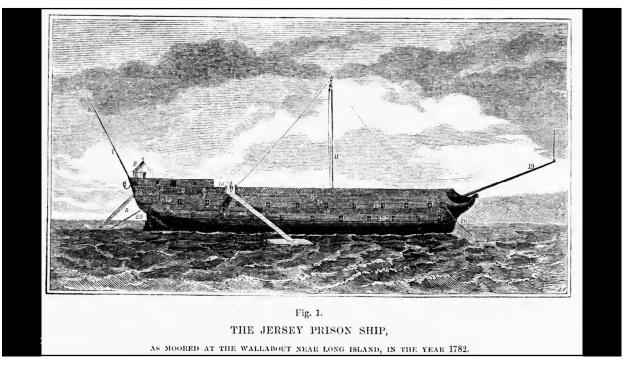
Moses Mather, graduate of Yale and pastor for 64 years in Darien, CT

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"At a time when we are called upon to surrender our liberties, our religion, and country; or defend them at the point of the sword, against those, that were our friends, our brethren, and allies (whose swords, and ours, till lately were never drawn but for mutual defense; and in joint battalions, cemented in love, affinity, and valor, have wrought wonders, vanquished armies, and triumphed over the power of mighty potentates), nothing will inspire our councils with unanimity, our resolves with firmness, and render the exertions, the noble struggles of a brave, free and injured people, bold, rapid and irresistible, like a right understanding of the necessity and rectitude of the defense, we are compelled to make, in this unnatural contention."





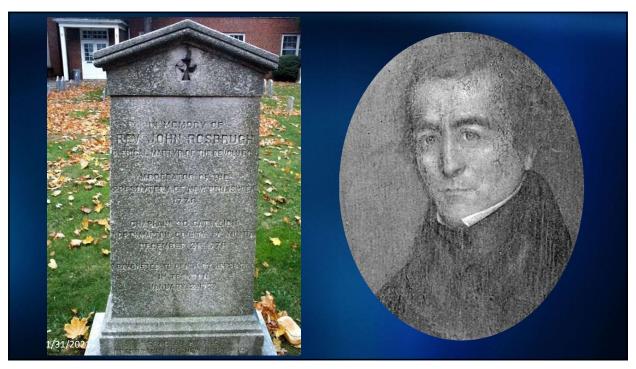








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"Let the scrupulous Christian of today condemn, if he can, this noble divine for fighting in defense of his country. He had no doubts of the righteousness of his conduct, when passing with prayer on his lips into the presence of his God. Amiable, kind, and distinguished as a peacemaker, he had to overcome all his natural tendencies to war, to take up arms; but having settled it to be his duty, he had no after misgivings."